

F-8-72

Ca. 1820

E. Gilbert House

Woodsboro vicinity

Private

The E. Gilbert House is a 2 story brick house with a rear extension and plainly finished window trim. A simple vernacular dwelling, it represents a transitional phase, with the Flemish bond brick facade of the Federal style and the horizontality of the 19th century house. Historical maps show a blacksmith shop, wagon shop, and carriage shop were on the same lot with the house, indicating possible industrial archeological significance.

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Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning
Economic (Industrial)

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Commerce/Trade/specialty store/blacksmith shop
Commerce/Trade/specialty store/wagon shop
Commerce/Trade/specialty store/carriage shop

Known Design Source: Unknown

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form****1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic E. Gilbert House

and/or common

2. Locationstreet & number 110 North Main Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town Woodsboro ☐ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name David Eugene Hoff c/o Dora L. Hoff

street & number Rt. 2, Box 177 telephone no.:

city, town Union Bridge state and zip code Md. 21791

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio

city, town Frederick state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-8-72

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 4

The E. Gilbert House is a two-story brick dwelling house with a standing seam metal gable roof and a three-bay facade with entry porch located on the southeast corner of North Main Street and Arnold Alley in Woodsboro, Frederick County, Maryland. The facade is oriented west toward Main Street and the front wall is on the west lot line. A two story brick extension projects east from the northeast corner of the main section.

The foundation is stone and the topography slopes down toward the east, revealing the stone on the north elevation on Arnold Alley. The principal elevation is Flemish bond, while the side and rear elevations are 5-course American bond. Interior end chimneys rise from each gable end. The front and rear ell each have corbeled brick cornices. The window openings have wood lintels with plain corner blocks and wood sills. The sash is 6 over 6. Each front elevation window is flanked by louvered wood shutters. The doorway has a multiple-light rectangular transom and the door is a glazed-panel type with a solid base. An aluminum storm door covers the doorway. The entry porch appears to be a later addition. It has chamfered posts and a wood platform. The roof is standing seam tin.

The gable end on the south has no openings. The north gable has two bays with the same windows as on the front elevation, with 2 additional square attic windows. The rear ell has a two-story porch on its south side. The window and door details on the ell are the same as on the main section.

The interior was inaccessible for this survey.

The three contributing resources other than the house are the archeological sites of three outbuildings no longer standing: a blacksmith shop, a wagon shop, and a carriage shop. All were located on the north lot line facing Arnold Alley.

8. Significance

Survey No. F-8-72

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates Ca. 1820 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The E. Gilbert House is a good example of a vernacular brick dwelling of the early 19th century, retaining elements of the Federal style in its Flemish bond masonry and lintel treatment, while also incorporating the more horizontal form of the 19th century house. The house was occupied in the mid-to late 19th century by E. Gilbert, according to the 1858 Isaac Bond Map of Frederick County and the 1873 C.O. Titus Atlas. Both maps show a blacksmith shop on the same lot, located in 1858 in a separate structure on the Arnold Alley property line. The 1858 map also shows a separate small, unidentified building immediately south of the house. This structure no longer exists. On the 1873 map, the blacksmith shop may have been joined to the house at the end of the ell. In addition to the smithy, a wagon shop and a carriage shop, in two separate buildings were also on the lot. No visible trace of these buildings remains. Archeological assessment of the site may provide information about the architecture of small village shops and the economic importance of the trades in the context of small towns.

The E. Gilbert House was compared to other brick houses of the early 19th century in Woodsboro. Most have been altered to some degree. The best example of a similar type is the Frees-Reifsnider House (F-8-74), which has considerably more detail at the window and door openings. The Gilbert House appears to represent a less pretentious but still related type. The existence of at least 5 other craftsmens shops (tin shop, saddle and harness maker, cooper shop, cabinet shop) is noted on the 1873 Titus map. Most of these buildings have disappeared or been incorporated into other structures. The only notable exception is the cooper shop at the Gieselman House (F-8-64) on North Main Street. In the absence of more structures supporting the village industrial theme, the archeological assessment of the Gilbert House's historical outbuildings is needed to establish the context.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-8-72

Bond, Isaac, Map of Frederick County, 1858
Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873

10. Geographical Data

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary is the lot outline of Parcel 848, Tax Map 950.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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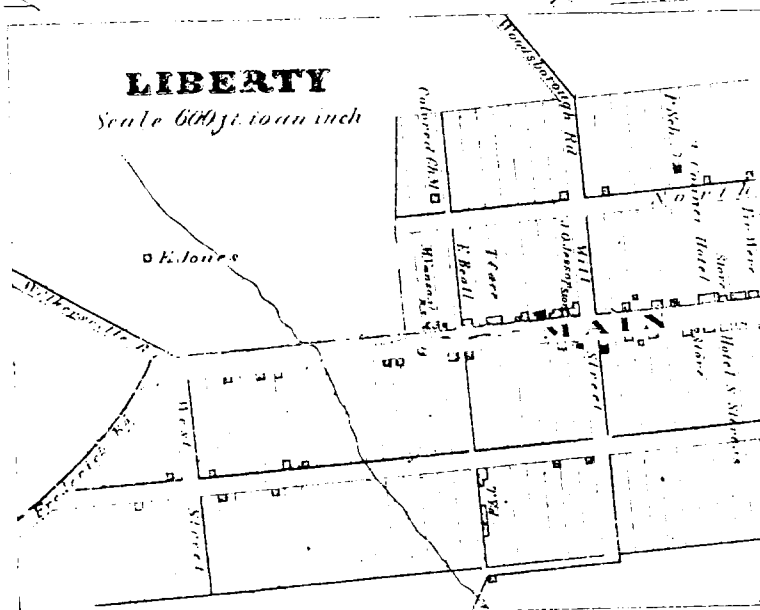
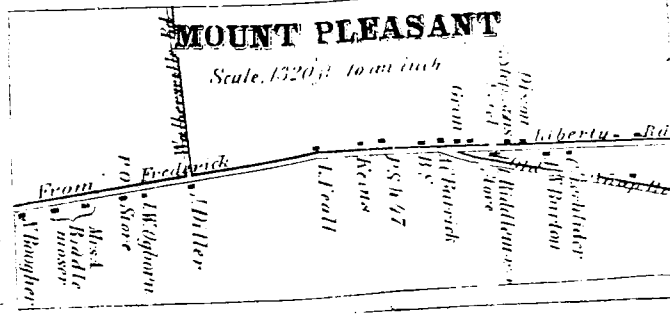
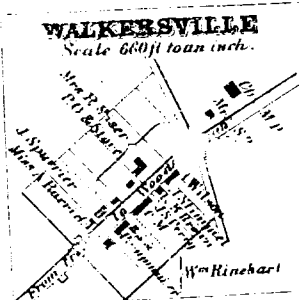
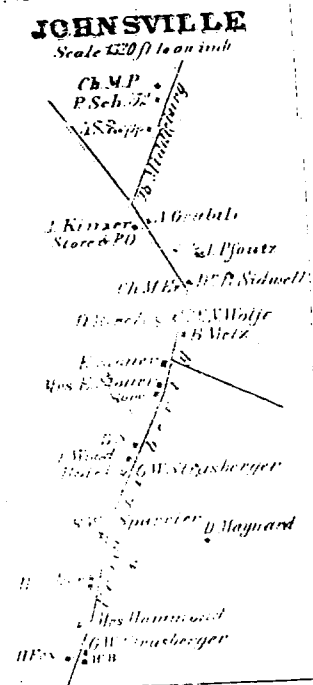
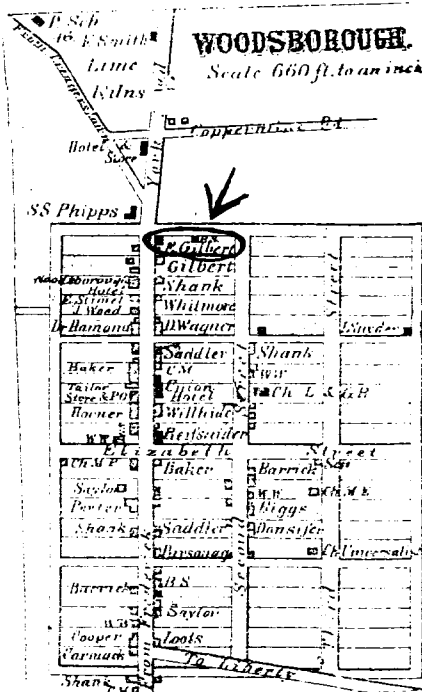
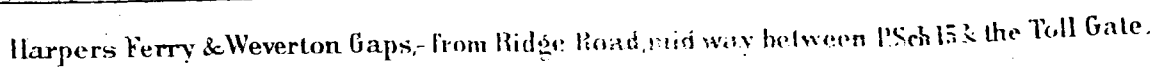
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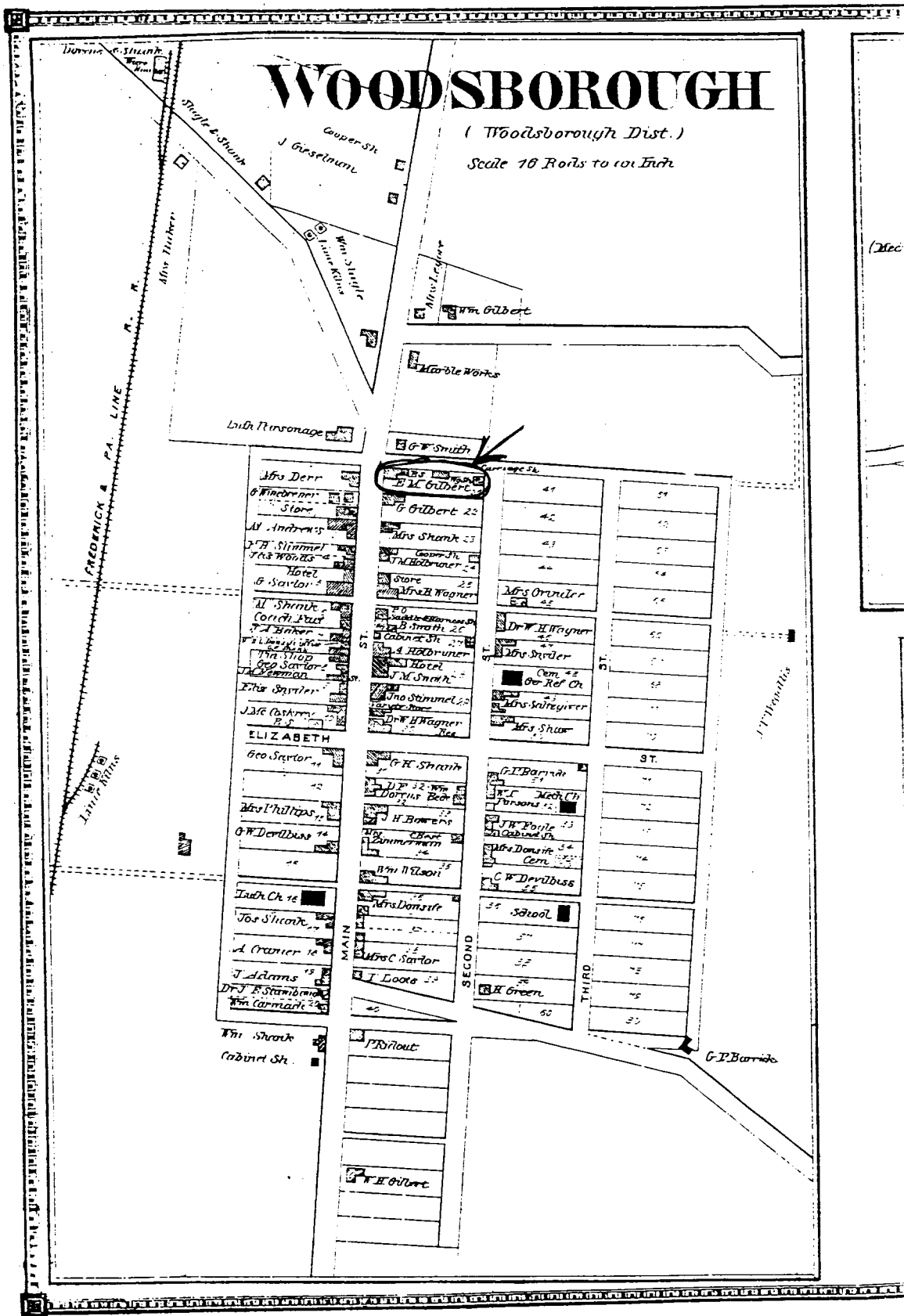
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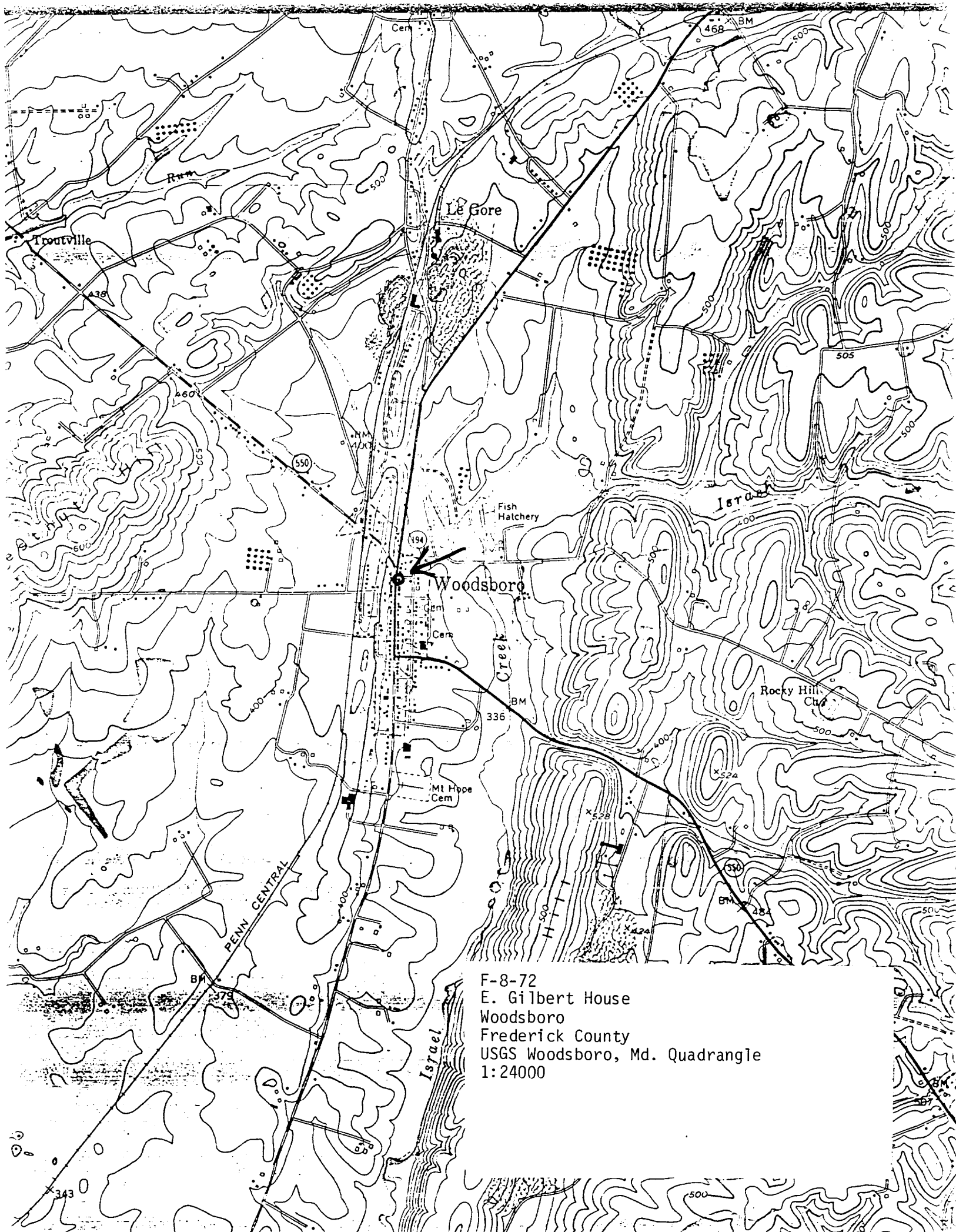
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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick County
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USGS Woodsboro, Md. Quadrangle
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110 N. Main St

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West elevation

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Southwest corner view

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